

LOCAL FINANCIAL GOSSIP.

Washington Railway and Electric company and Lanston had the field yesterday on the Washington Stock Exchange, with the bears in the saddle. Brokers have been saying for several days that they did not like the looks of Washington railway common, and yesterday the storm broke in a wild effort to hammer down the stock. Blocks of 1,000 shares were offered repeatedly at prices lower than had been ruling, but buyers could not be found, while buyers could not be found, higher than 33%, one option of 50 shares being recorded at 34%. Sales for the most part were in 50-share lots, and some of these were put on the record as self to self.

There was much noise over Washington as when it was reached on call, but brokers contented themselves with two sales at 34% and 35%. Mergenthaler had a like fate, one 10-share lot finding buyer at 26%.

Lanston had a lively time around 14% and 14%. Five 100-share blocks were gobbed up in succession, with one block of forty and six ten shares each. Lanston closed without any break from the previous day, with plenty of strong bidding.

Thirty-one shares of Union Trust sold between 15 and 17, closing at the lower. Other bank and trust stocks were severely alone.

No after-call business was recorded yesterday, all the fun having spent itself on regular trading.

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—Washington Railway and Electric \$1,000

—Metropolitan Traction, 15 at 14%.

—Washington Railway and Electric common, 50 at 38%.

—Union Trust, 10 at 35%.

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